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Fifty-second Legislature – Second Regular Session

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Report of Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016  
House Hearing Room 4 -- 2:30 p.m. or Upon Adjournment of Caucus

**Convened** 2:39 p.m.

**Recessed**

**Reconvened**

**Adjourned** 3:10 p.m.

**Members Present**

Mr. Boyer  
Mr. Friese  
Mr. Lawrence  
Mr. Meyer  
Mrs. Cobb, Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. Carter, Chairman

**Members Absent**

**Agenda**

Original Agenda – Attachment 1

**Request to Speak**

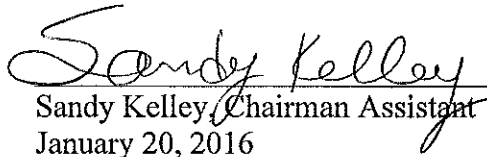
Report – Attachment 2

**Presentations**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Attachments (Handouts)</u></b>
Shafeez S. Ladha, M.D., Director	Gregory W. Fulton ALS and Neuromuscular Disorders Center	3

**Committee Action**

<b><u>Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>	<b><u>Attachments (Summaries, Amendments, Attendance)</u></b>
HB2061	Held		
HB2109	DP	6-0-0-0	4,5
	Committee Attendance		6

  
Sandy Kelley, Chairman Assistant  
January 20, 2016

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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ADJOURNMENT OF  
CAUCUS

Members:

Mr. Boyer  
Mr. Friese

Mr. Lawrence  
Mr. Meyer

Mrs. Cobb, Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. Carter, Chairman

Presentation

- Tracey Sotelo, Dignity Health, ALS Center Program Manager, ALS & Neuromuscular Diseases
- Shafeeq S. Ladha, M.D., Director, Gregory W. Fulton ALS and Neuromuscular Disorders Center

Bills	Short Title	Strike Everything Title
HB2061	<u>held</u> medical marijuana; pregnancy exclusion (Townsend, Finchem: Allen J, et al) HEALTH, RULES	
HB2109	<u>dp</u> pharmacists; licensure (Boyer) <u>6-000</u> HEALTH, RULES	

**ORDER OF BILLS TO BE SET BY THE CHAIRMAN**

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1/15/16

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# Information Registered on the Request to Speak System

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*House Health (1/19/2016)*

## **HB2109, pharmacists; licensure**

### **Support:**

Janet Underwood, Arizona Community Pharmacy Committee; Jessie Armendt, AZ PHARMACY ALLIANCE; Aimee Rigler, representing self; Kelly Ridgway, AZ PHARMACY ALLIANCE; Jeff Gray, AZ PHARMACY ALLIANCE; Erin Burk, representing self

## **HB2061, medical marijuana; pregnancy exclusion**

### **Support:**

Rory Hays, Arizona Nurses Association; Anika Robinson, representing self; Jessica Rainbow, AZ-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNECOLOGISTS; Susan Cannata, Arizona Chapter Of The American Academy Of Pediatrics; Pele Fischer, AZ MEDICAL ASSN

### **Neutral:**

Colby Bower, Arizona Department Of Health Services

### **Oppose:**

mikel weisser, representing self; Elisha Dorfsmith, representing self

### **All Comments:**

mikel weisser, Self: Arizona NORML is calling on the Health Committee to reject HB2061, the new bill from Rep.Kelly Townsend, (R-LD16) that would add pregnancy as a disqualifying condition for women seeking medical cards. "It is a horrific medical decision"; Elisha Dorfsmith, Self: I don't have a problem with this on the surface but this is just another attempt to crack down on medical MJ. If you don't want pregnant women using drugs apply it to prescription medication as well.



# Arizonans with Neuromuscular Disorders: An Unmet Need

Shafeeq S. Ladha, MD

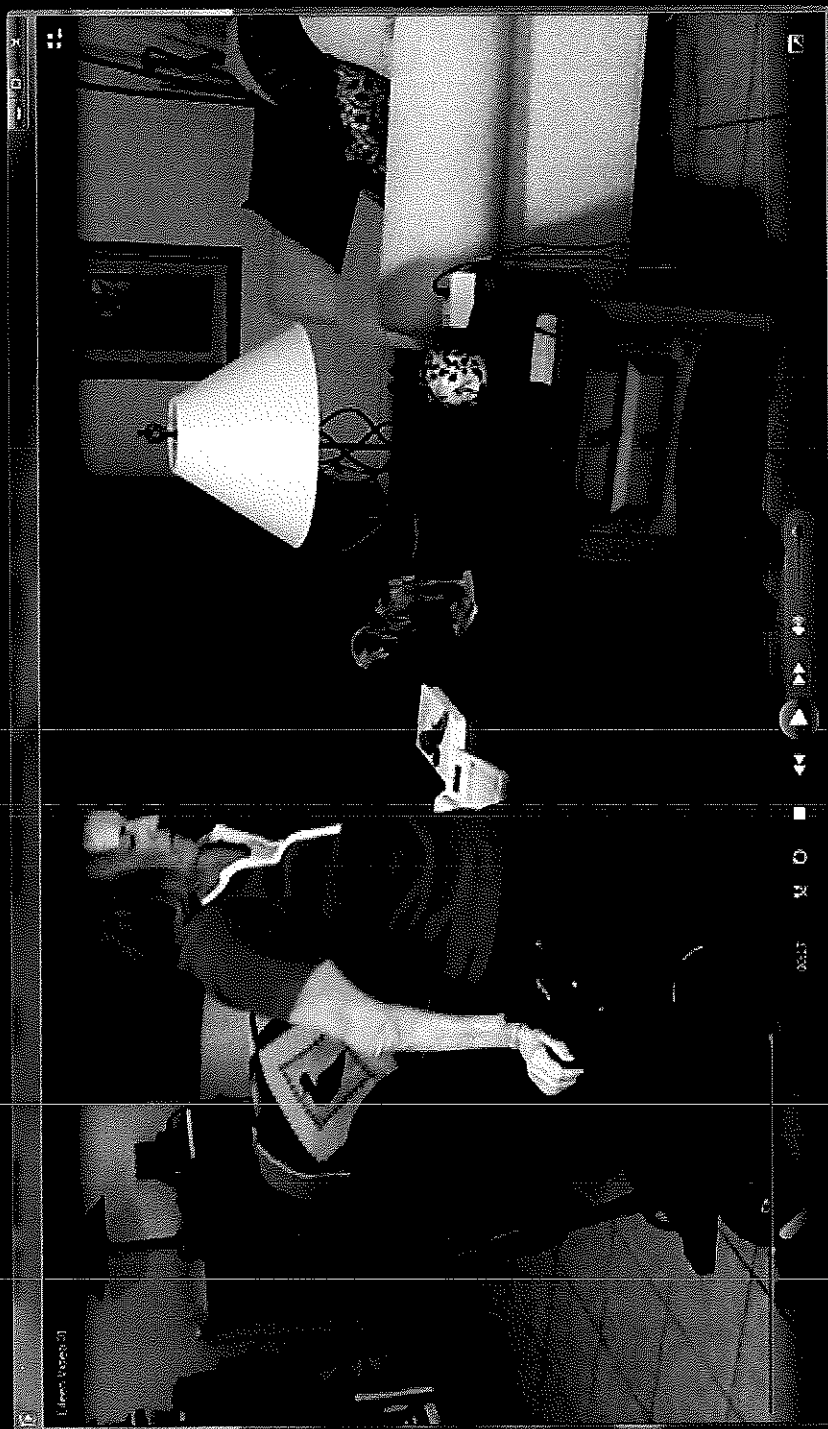
Director, Gregory W. Fulton ALS and Neuromuscular Disorders Center

January 19, 2016

# Agenda

- Introduction
- The Need
- About Neuromuscular Disease
- How You Can Help

# The Need



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# About Neuromuscular Disease

Any disease that causes impairment of nerve or muscle function

Results in weakness, numbness, balance and walking difficulties, muscle wasting, slurred speech, swallowing problems, shortness of breath

Anyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Muscular Dystrophy, Neuropathies

# Neuromuscular Diseases

1,675 Arizonans affected each year with  
Muscular Dystrophy

AZ cost of care estimated at \$40,000 per  
patient per year (\$67,000,000)



Debilitating  
weakness in the  
“new” normal

Spare cognition

Sense of sight,  
touch, hearing,  
taste, and smell  
not affected

Slower course of  
progression



# Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

270 Arizonans diagnosed each year

AZ cost of care estimated at \$63,693 per patient per year (\$17,197,110)



Fatal disease causing paralysis of limbs, inability to swallow, respiratory failure

Spares cognition

Sense of sight, touch, hearing, taste, and smell not affected

Life span is 3 to 5 years after diagnosis

# Neuromuscular Management

## Clinic Visits (3 to 6 month)

- Specialized Team Of:

**Physicians** – Medication for cramps, saliva, other

**Nutritionist** – Feeding tube

**Pulmonary** – Non invasive ventilation

**Mobility Specialists** – Power chair, durable medical equipment

**Psychosocial** – Family support, occupational assessment, community resources

**Physical Therapist** – ROM, conditioning, education

## Between Clinic Visits

- Care Team Not Familiar With:

**Physicians** – Avoidance, referrals

**Nutritionist** – More calories to build muscle

**Payers** – Needs do not fit benefit structure

**Psychosocial** – Inaccurate public perception, Support groups beneficial

**Physical Therapist** – Excessive therapy expectations, no education on dealing with new functional problems

# Barriers for Arizonans

## Access to DME

- Multiple visits, lengthy paperwork

## Fragmentation of care

- Community resources unfamiliar with these diseases

## Sense of isolation

- “No one understands”

## Integration with existing programs

- Military, outlying areas, non-profits

## End-of-life care

- No specialization or family support offerings

# How You Can Help Arizonans

## Legislation

- DME reform
- Streamlined access for patients and their expert physicians

## Partnership

- Barrow Neuromuscular Disease Outreach Program

## Awareness

## Funding

# BNI Disease Outreach Program

- Provide Improved access to DME
- Offer Educational programs/curriculum
  - Physical therapists
  - Neurologists
  - Case managers
- Training and education for patients and families
  - Caregiving
  - Psychological support
- Specialty programs
  - Neuromuscular Hospice
  - VA program
  - Native American Arizonan clinics

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2109

pharmacists; licensure

Prime Sponsor: Representative Boyer, LD 20

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## OVERVIEW

HB 2109 eliminates the requirement that a pharmacist seeking a reciprocal license must be licensed for at least one year in another jurisdiction.

## PROVISIONS

1. Removes the requirement that a pharmacist must be licensed in good standing for at least one year in another jurisdiction in order to receive a reciprocal license

## CURRENT LAW

A.R.S § 32-1922 states in part, that for an applicant to be licensed as a pharmacist in Arizona the applicant must be of good moral character, be a graduate of a board approved pharmacy education school or college and must have successfully completed practical experience under a licensed pharmacist who is approved by the board. Additionally, the applicant must pass the pharmacist and jurisprudence examination, and pay an application fee. The board may license a pharmacist in Arizona without the licensing examination if the applicant is licensed in another jurisdiction, if the applicant provides evidence of attendance of secondary and professional education and training, possesses good morals, provides proof that any license is in good standing and passes a jurisprudence examination.

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**ROLL CALL VOTE**

COMMITTEE ON \_\_\_\_\_ HEALTH \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. HB 2109

DATE January 19, 2016 MOTION: dp

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Boyer		✓			
Mr. Friese		✓			
Mr. Lawrence		✓			
Mr. Meyer		✓			
Mrs. Cobb, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mrs. Carter, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:

  
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HEATHER CARTER, Chairman  
REGINA COBB, Vice-Chairman

  
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COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT \_\_\_\_\_



**ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
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**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD**

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

CHAIRMAN: Heather Carter VICE-CHAIRMAN: Regina Cobb

DATE	1/12/16	1/19/16	1/16	1/16	1/16
CONVENED	2:19pm	2:39pm	m	m	m
RECESSED					
RECONVENED					
ADJOURNED	3:22pm	3:10			
MEMBERS					
Mr. Boyer	✓	✓			
Mr. Frieze	✓	✓			
Mr. Lawrence	✓	✓			
Mr. Meyer	✓	✓			
Mrs. Cobb, Vice-Chairman	✓	✓			
Mrs. Carter, Chairman	✓	✓			

✓ Present      --- Absent      exc Excused